

what happened to the New York Constitution. Just let me tell you what the New York provision was, and maybe you will see the great difference between what is now proposed and what the New York Constitution proposed. Delegate Winslow picked it up right away. He said this thing is backwards. Here is what the New York Constitution said: "Records of the state and local governments, public authorities and other public corporations and all departments, agencies and instrumentalities thereof, including those created pursuant to an agreement or compact with another state or foreign power, shall be public records open to inspection to the extent and in the manner provided by law."

Now, I will have an amendment for you which will probably say exactly the same thing, and legitimize this thing that we are talking about. But let me go on and tell you that by the very recommendation No. C, the report says the right to information extends to the legislative, executive and judicial branches of government.

THE CHAIRMAN: You have one-half minute. Delegate Kiefer.

DELEGATE KIEFER: I thought I had twelve minutes.

THE CHAIRMAN: You are limited to three minutes per speech.

DELEGATE KIEFER: All right. If I am limited to three minutes, I will have to say to you, then, that this goes far beyond what anybody contemplates. It does very dangerous things, and the very nature of the questions asked and the answers of Delegate Willoner indicate to you how dangerous a field we are embarked upon if we put this in the constitution.

Two of the three experts who came out said keep the legislature out of this. I will not read their quotes to you, but I would like to at the appropriate time and maybe this is the appropriate time, to offer an amendment to this proposed section.

THE CHAIRMAN: If you have concluded your discussion in the controlled portion of the debate, you can offer the amendment.

Have you finished?

DELEGATE KIEFER: Well, if I have run out of time I have finished, yes, sir.

*(Laughter.)*

THE CHAIRMAN: Is it your amendment F?

DELEGATE KIEFER: Yes, sir.

THE CHAIRMAN: Pages will please distribute the amendment F.

DELEGATE KIEFER: Mr. Chairman, I do not want to be alone in this. If I have more time I would yield to anybody who would speak against this amendment.

THE CHAIRMAN: They will have an opportunity. There is a period of uncontrolled debate. I will recognize them in due course.

Delegate Mitchell.

DELEGATE MITCHELL: Will Chairman Kiefer yield to a question?

DELEGATE KIEFER: Yes.

DELEGATE MITCHELL: Chairman Kiefer, how many members are on your Committee?

THE CHAIRMAN: Delegate Kiefer.

DELEGATE KIEFER: There are eighteen counting Delegate James, who is a non-voting member.

THE CHAIRMAN: Delegate Mitchell.

DELEGATE MITCHELL: As a matter of fact, fourteen members of your committee have signed this report, have they not?

THE CHAIRMAN: Delegate Kiefer.

DELEGATE KIEFER: Yes, but I think some of them have been conned into it.

*(Laughter.)*

THE CHAIRMAN: Pages will please distribute the Amendment F.

For what purpose does Delegate Mentzer rise?

DELEGATE MENTZER: A parliamentary inquiry.

THE CHAIRMAN: State your inquiry.

DELEGATE MENTZER: Will Delegate Kiefer now have ten minutes as the sponsor of the amendment to explain further?

THE CHAIRMAN: We have not been following that procedure. Technically he would if he insists upon it, have ten minutes for that purpose.

Will you please take your Amendment No. 24 in front of you and make the corrections that are necessary to be made? It is Amendment No. 24. I am not talking about F, now. I am talking about C. It is Amendment No. 24 to Committee Recommendation R&P-2, and on page 1 please strike out lines 2 and 3. Strike out line 30 of section